THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): Mid-term general elections to Lok Sabha have been held on six occasions so far, in 1970, 1977, 1979, 1991, 1997 and 1999, in order either to seek a fresh mandate so as to effectively implement the policies and programmes of the government/party in power or to constitute a new House, as political instability had rendered the existing House incapable of yielding a Stable Government.

Implementation of SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 in U.P.

†4041. SHRI GANDHI AZAD: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the right to take cognizance has been given to special courts according to the provision of section 9 and 10 of the Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989;

(b) whether the special courts in Uttar Pradesh are taking cognizance of such types of cases; and

(c) if so, the details of the last three years in this regard and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

Pending oldest case in each State

4042. SHRI SWARAJ KAUSHAL: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the year of the oldest case pending before courts in each State; and

(b) the number of cases pending in each State for thirty years and more, for 25 to 30 years, for 20 to 25 years, for 15 to 20 years from the date of their institution?

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) and (b) As per available information, the year of the oldest cases pending in Supreme Court and High Courts and the number of cases pending for 7—10 years are given in Statement-I (*see* below). The number of cases pending over 10 years in each State in the District and Subordinate Courts is as per Statement-II.

Statement-I

Details of oldest cases pending in Supreme Court and High Courts

Supreme Court: *As on 28.2.2001, the oldest cases (15 numbers) pertain to the year 1976*

High Courts: *(as on 31.12.1999)*

Sl. No.	Name of the High Court	Year of the oldest case pending in 1998	No. of cases pending for 7—10 years	No. of cases pending for over 10 years
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
1.	Allahabad	1964	136869	201460
2.	Andhra Pradesh	1979	13592	2823
3.	Bombay	1968	41650	28404
4.	Calcutta	1955	39171	146476
5.	Delhi	1966	18866	33774
6.	Gauhati	1984	479	141
7.	Gujarat	1973	12332	18592
8.	Himachal Pradesh	1979	608	37
9.	Jammu and Kashmir	1965	6704	2392
10.	Karnataka	1976	2249	1081
11.	Kerala	1974	6599	533
12.	Madras	1964	9389	5050
13.	Madhya Pradesh	1950	17295	9655
14.	Orissa	1972	4139	3313
15.	Patna	1951	6586	6657
16.	Punjab and Haryana	1964	27587	33791

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
17.	Rajasthan	1956	7893	6674
18.	Sikkim	1996	0	2
	Total:		338808	500855

Statement-II

Details of cases pending over 10 years old in the District/Subordinate courts in various States/UTs

Sl. No.	Name of the States/UTs	Number of cases pending over 10 years old in the District/ Subordinate courts	As on
1	2	3	4
1.	Andhra Pradesh	7177	6/2000
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	0	6/1999
3.	Assam	32	12/1999
4.	Bihar	59449	6/2000
5.	Goa	2857	12/2000
6.	Gujarat	97822	6/2000
7.	Haryana	1880	12/1998
8.	Himachal Pradesh	351	6/2000
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	3827	12/1998
10.	Karnataka	28132	6/2000
11.	Kerala	2825	6/2000
12.	Madhya Pradesh	66219	6/2000
13.	Maharashtra	217257	6/2000
14.	Manipur	431	12/1999
15.	Maghalaya	1658	12/1999
16.	Mizoram	2	6/2000
17.	Nagaland	Not available	
18.	Orissa	10187	6/2000
19.	Punjab	4142	12/1998
20.	Rajasthan	49468	6/2000
21.	Sikkim	0	12/1999
22.	Tamil Nadu	5182	12/1999
23.	Tripura	335	6/2000
24.	Uttar Pradesh	158532	12/1999

1	2	3	4
25.	West Bengal	95555	12/1998
26.	And. & Nicobar	3	6/1999
27.	Chandigarh	79	12/1998
28.	Dadra & N. Haveli	7	6/2000
29.	Daman & Diu	16	6/2000
30.	Delhi	15571	12/2000
31.	Lakshdweep	4	6/2000
32.	Pondicherry	345	6/2000
	Total:	829345	

Supreme Court's direction regarding disciplinary control over employees on election duty

4043. SHRIMATI JAYAPRADA NAHATA:
SHRI AMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have since advised the State Governments to accept the direction given by the Supreme Court on disciplinary control of the Election Commission over officers, staff etc. put on election duty;

(b) if so, which of the State Governments have not accepted the decision; and

(c) the specific reasons advanced by such State Governments for not accepting the direction of the Supreme Court?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) Yes, Sir. The terms of settlement reached between the Election Commission and the Government in the matter were circulated by the Government on 7.11.2000 and 8.11.2000 to all the concerned authorities in the Union Government and the State Governments/Union territories to follow the same.

(b) and (c) No reply in the matter has been received from the State Governments so far.